How we deal with all the disrespect that seemingly is coming at us the last few years will define us in the future.

There was a time not too long ago when we became cops because that was what was determined at times by our ethnic heritage. Yes, all breeds of men and women were cops, but some ethnicities seemed to define the job for many decades.

Just as it was that if you were not a certain height, the over and under so to speak, police work was denied you. And females, except for the big, burly kind—forget it. Unless you worked at juvenile, or as a meter maid, or a matron, not too many spots for you.

Big lugs were everywhere, however. Big male lugs, that is. They dominated the scene. When you needed to haul someone off a bar stool, the bigger cops prevailed. That stayed that way for a while.

That's not disparaging in any way. It's just the way it was. At least from my perspective after examining the ways of cops for many years. I trust I have not stereotyped any “big lugs” out there.

Pay was low and people became cops so they wouldn’t end up in the gutter, to answer a higher calling, and to do something positive for others and to help people.

And oh yeah, for many it was a steady paycheck with some benefits. It didn’t hurt, either, that there were occasional freebies like coffee, 10 percent off at the lumber store, and entry into your favorite movie house. Resoundingly frowned upon now in our “enlightened” day and age, unless, of course, you work in politics. Then it seems if you eat it, drink it, or smoke it, take it!

There was one more thing that attracted young males to a low paying and dangerous job—a pension. Something that would provide for them in their old age. It was the payback for the low wages and the dangers of the job. And those dangers were as relevant then as they are today.

The weaponry and firepower may not have been as a major concern as they are now, but there were tradeoffs, like a huge lack of internal communication, and backups were sometimes non-existent. And you walked a lot of beats. Nice comfy Fords with AM/FM and computer terminals were...
Chaplain’s Column

By: Thomas Ross

I think we are all sick about Boston and the death and injury put on the innocent. We all recognize the efforts of first responders from police, fire and medical personnel. They made a difference in the lives of so many. Now you face not only the known bad guys of your community, but also in our cities you face an international threat which has no bounds in their terror.

Some people are asking WHERE WAS GOD that day? It’s a tough question to answer but for me the simple answer is God was there through all those who raced into the chaos. The hand of God was working through all those who raced into the mess at risk of their own lives to aid those in pain. All the first responders but also many ordinary good citizens, especially those runners.

God was working through them and giving them the courage to face danger for the good of others. They were His hands when they were compressing torn limbs, His feet rushing injured to waiting hands when they were whispering words of encouragement to those afflicted. I think you could see the hand of God within minutes. Some may differ and just think all of this just happened, just lucky. That’s OK, for lucky needs a higher power too! The world tells us that was a coincidence but many, including myself, would call it a GOD INCIDENCE.

On a lighter note, Summer is here and we all look forward to some relaxation time. Yes, even us who work in the Church look forward to less meetings and a slowdown of activity. For you, some vacation time with the family should be ahead. How about putting away the texts and tweets and visiting in person like we used to do! Try it, you just may remember how rewarding it is to relationships.

Stay safe and watch over each other.

Peace and God Bless

Chaplain Tom Ross, Sr
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Quote:

There are two ways to conduct yourself, as he referred to his own behavior with his work. It can apply to government also.

“Honest arrogance” or “hypocritical humility.”

-Frank Lloyd Wright

Chief’s Follies

By: Joseph Andalina

I think he likes it here

Some of our chiefs are very adept at getting into our Follies. They actually have to work very hard to get here, because back, some scowl, some write about chiefs who are just doing their jobs. No pound of flesh applications need apply. Nothing about their spouses, children, or personal vendettas, either, as I have written many times.

But even with all this latitude, some chiefs just can’t help themselves. Case in point—our chief “the Stellar Guy” from McCook, as his mayor once called him, has appeared here a few times. In fact, this will make his third appearance in the Follies—a new record for doing or saying (in our opinion and the opinion of some of his troops) very stupid things. If we had a “Playchief of the Year,” I imagine he would be it.

Well, no, the cops have severe behavioral problems. Like:

The light in the locker room which is set to turn on and off automatically. Someone changes the switch to manual and walks out, leaving it on manual. (My Lord!). The chief writes in his memo, in all caps:

DO NOT TOUCH THE LIGHT SWITCH!!!!!!!!!!! (Yes, those are 13 exclamation points). He must be very serious. I usually use three when I’m serious. Like to my board when leaving the office: THROW OUT THE STINKING GARBAGE!!! (See, just three gets the point across. That, and I don’t say stinking, either!!!)

Chief was also beefing that cops are doing things the chief wouldn’t do at home. I’d like to answer that—yes they probably do, and leave those little three-legged plastic thingies in it, too.

And finally, the boss says three boxes of Kleenex were put out for everyone’s use and the very next day only one was left. He feels someone is “hording” (sic) them.

It couldn’t possibly be that in winter and early spring a lot of people had to wipe their eyes or wipe something.

Why does this bother the chief? (Three question marks does the same as three exclamation points, too!!!)

Of all the things to castigate your officers for—Kleenex boxes!!! That’s is why some leaders land in the Follies. Lighten up, chief. Do something kind for your cops. They will appreciate it.

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Chief's Follies

Quinn is a union man?

Been having some doubts, haven’t you? Quinn is a union man?

December of 2008. Currently represented by a union or not: does he refuse on an AF-SCME contract and is in the forefront of dismantling your pension by keeping the other side out of the picture. One, so, yeah, that’s the ticket. Deny their union rights. That will inspire loyalty.

Ninety-seven percent of the state workforce is now unionized. Gee whiz, kids, I wonder why? Stunts like this is why. Treat your employees like crap-o-la and they will always seek a union. For 30 years, I have always thanked police chiefs and mayors for helping MAP grow. Keep being a bunch of pissannts and watch union affiliation soar. Oh, excuse me for using this pejorative adjective pissants, but if the shoe fits? For what is interesting here is not only the 97 percent union workforce in Illinois since 2011, but over 30,000 state workers have joined a union from 2003 to 2011 (according to AP reports).

About one bites the dust

Well, actually, I don’t know of many departments where the chiefs slide out that are truly sad over their departure. Many chiefs come in with flowers in their hair, a new day dawning, and provide a reprieve from the last chief’s “follies” (if I might say). But alas, even those newer models often turn out to be retratad with their own baggage and often times creating their own messes and legends.

Here in Happy Schaumburg, the ex-chief has been accused of stalking his ex-girlfriend who raised allegations that he threatened her, followed her uninvited, sat outside her home and called her hundreds of times. All uninvited gestures, which is usually the norm for stalking cases.

However, Cook County prosecutors said earlier this year that they would not charge the chief as an internal investigation of the boss found insufficient evidence to prove he violated any internal major rules and policies, except for one minor violation—something about having visitors at the PD for non-related purposes, whatever that means.

But the result of the investigation is moot, because the head cheese reigned as an ex-chief. It only really means that evidence wasn’t sufficient to show that the head honcho did or did not violate policy. Really? So what does it mean? Well, I’m sure the Kaluhn’s troops would certainly like an explanation, but they know that’s not going to happen. It is all too suspicious that the chief retired before, or as the internal investigation is drawing to a close. Shame, shame on me for thinking he purposely retired before the results came in.

The chief’s ex-girlfriend’s attorney, however, says it’s “ridiculous” that the allegations were not confirmed, but says the resignation offers some resolution.

Yes, it does, and a benefit of the doubt is usually necessary in “he said, she said” type scenarios. But once again, the officers in Schaumburg are once again hoping for a leader they can trust, is ethical, without any baggage, is for them and not for him/herself, and can avoid any domestic disputes.

Let’s hope so. The grunts deserve better than what they have been given in the past.

Bigot in high places

We just love our mayors. We do, don’t we? Are they not the salt of this good earth? Always looking out for us grunts and municipal employees. That is, unless, they are cutting our jobs, whining to the press on how much money we cost the city, bad-mouthing us and interfering in department business.

Or even calling cops names.

Well, earlier this year in Pomeroy, Ohio, Mayor Mary McAngus resigned from her position after four months on the job. “Due to circumstances,” she wrote, she was resigning and it was a pleasure to be the mayor.

Ahh, what circumstances could this be? Also, she was accused of calling a gay police officer a queer and used other slurs. She forbade the officer’s partner from coming to the PD, even though other officer’s family members can routinely visit. I see what the circumstances are now.

Apparently Miss Bigot Mayor called the police chief into her office and told him that she heard his new officer was a queer and what was the chief going to do about it? (Her words.)

Isn’t that amazing? Even for a mayor.

Not the most sensitive types, are they? The mayor told the chief that she didn’t like a queer working for the village, she might be old fashioned, but she didn’t like it.

Can this just get any worse? Probably, as the mayor persisted in making more crude comments about the officer. Well, the chief told Her Dishonor that he

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Farewell to the Great Simpsky

By Joseph Andalina

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That's it. No mas! Ciao. The Guns N Hoses annual Hockey Game between the Skatin’ Bacon (guns) and assorted fire teams (hoses) is no more. The last hurrah was Saturday, March 30, 2013, at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont.

Great Simpsky is just that. Great. Skating on basically one leg since he was four, he managed to make Jed Whitchurch (a true hockey player) look alone on the ice!

But the Great Simpsky did his best, one year scoring not one but two goals in an entire game and probably season. Who could ever know if the Great Simpsky could ever really learn to skate, had a pair of hands, could see the ice, or have any sort of knowledge of the game, what he could have accomplished. But the Great Simpsky still gave it his all—sometimes between his Corona Lites with a lime—an effort was always there.

Sure, Jed would sometimes carry the Great Simpsky on his back for a period or two, but that was payment for all the beer Ken brought to Jed’s man cave, bribing him for a place to sleep when Mrs. Simpsky had enough. Paybacks are mothers sometimes.

But tears and Budweiser did flow after the final buzzer and as the Great Simpsky skated off the ice in his Roy Rogers figure skates, a tune could be heard in the background as he waved his last goodbye.

A song written by the late, great, “Stompin’” Tom Connors began. An iconic song played between the second and third periods at every Toronto Maple Leafs home game in Canada. The first verse goes something like this:

Hello out there! We’re on the air
It's Hockey Night tonight
Tension grows, the whistles blow

Would do nothing about it as that would be discriminatory. And give this chief all the credit for getting this woman out of office. Chief Mark Profitt came forward over his concerns on how the officer was treated. Glad to hear it.

When you get past all the crap that the press and politicians spew out lauding mayors as leaders who run a good ship, one can see that some of these sailors shouldn’t be in office. (No offense to real sailors.)

Unfortunately, one may find elements of unethical or corrupt behavior even with mayors. Other times it’s the ignorance, and in this instance bigoted, way they treat their employees.

Good riddance.

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Naughty but not nice

A police chief in New London, New Hampshire resigned his position as top cop in that town. Immediately after striking a deal with the local state’s attorney, he agreed to permanently give up his police certification.

David Seastrand, the chief since 1995, found himself in trouble after a female college student accused him of promising to drop some minor charges against her if she would allow him to take nude pictures of her.

Apparently Mr. Seastrand wanted to take up a new hobby! The student, arrested for underage drinking and giving a fake name, was not keen on the idea.

Good for her. So she sought help from authority figures who did not ask her to take off her clothes.

The charges will not be dropped on the lady, but the budding photographer is out of police work and no charges will be brought against him.

I had some witty, pithy stuff to say here, but do not wish to be disrespectful to photographers or other chiefs who do not use their position to enhance their sexual fantasies.

Tainted, cancer causing, or just plain poisoned

An update on Crestwood and their local officials and brass knowingly and willingly allowing contaminated water into their community wells. After all, it’s only their citizens who were drinking it.

For two decades, they did this. In mid-April, their certified water operator, Frank Scallia, just days before he was to go on trial, pled guilty to one count of making a false statement.

The contaminated well they drew water from contained vinyl chloride (some bad stuff, dude) as well as other hazardous chemicals. The above operator, other unnamed employees and their police chief, Theresa Neubauer (on leave) allegedly conspired to do this to save money to prevent fixing water leaks. They saved $360,000. The chief and others were facing a 23-count indictment related to this water cover-up.

Apparently court documents allege that the chief, operator, and others were following orders from a former mayor, Chester Stranzeck. He is not standing trial as he has been found unfit due to dementia issues.

Those involved apparently kept secret records and took other actions to deceive the citizenry that bad ju-ju water was being drawn. Lots of other stuff that you can find on line. It was noteworthy that the water operator said he was only doing what he was told.

Where have we heard this before? “I was following directions.” Do mayors have that much power over their employees? Should they? And no one questions this—even the police chief for crying out loud?

What I find amazing is that the sharks in lawyer’s suits are charging up to $500 an hour to defend this crew, all on the taxpayers’ dime, too. I believe the amount spent as of this year was about $600,000. Remember that when you hear mayors whining on how much cops make and that their pensions should be reduced. What a joke.

The chief (Neubauer), went to trial in late April. She was convicted on 11 counts of making false statements about the poisoned water.

She said she was “unknowingly sucked” into this matter and said she was really just a clerk. Her attorney said she was just a scapegoat but the prosecution was having none of it.

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not the norm, even in my day. While I did not see any “call boxes,” there were public phone booths and we used them when changing into our Superman costumes! One more thing. While the media was always watching, cell phone cameras were not an everyday reality as they are now.

Dedication, loyalty, pride, and the seriousness of our oath were paramount. What the old-timers as they still are today. Respect and/or fear of the police was much more in vogue, even though citizens didn’t like tickets way back when and a few took pot shots at cops and murdered some others. Those things did not change with the passage of time, except there doesn’t seem to be a whole lot of fear when the “man” comes a’knocking. It seems bad guys are way too coddled, forgiven, and taught not to feel responsible. Always someone else’s fault.

Cops are still being attacked, assaulted, and murdered. And the assaults are not all necessarily by outside forces. Sometimes it comes from the brass and politicians. And while it may not kill you, it does hurt pretty bad. So as time went by and I became a young cop (39 plus years ago) and entered the promised land, the paradigms of policing changed. More diversity in ethnic groups, some gender gaps were closed and tall, short, skinny, and chubby people could all get hired.

Promotions were all made equal—well, maybe not always—but there were no chief’s points. That is a relatively recent phenomenon, I believe! The pay and benefits increased, and I think that most of you would agree that unions made the big difference in that regard.

Better working conditions, too, in that squads and equipment upgrades were made and you have an actual AM/FM radio in your car now and maybe a TV in the lunch or squad room. Computer consoles bigger than your personal Mac are the norm, too.

Workout facilities are standard in many cops. Separate bathrooms for men and women, (flush toilets, too) and a water cooler and coffee pot are available. Nicer uniforms, better training and weaponry are now a given. And we still are eligible for a pension.

That is a standard which, until recently, was a guarantee no matter how much the type and manner of policing had changed over the years. That pension encompassed the good, the bad, and the ugly because cops will always be under the microscope and subject to danger, no matter how much law enforcement has changed over the years.

The pension was always something to hang your hat on. No matter how tough it got, if you survived you got that golden parachute. Maybe not that parachute that is given to some CEOs, but something to make your old, demented years a little less stressful, as your significant other spoons tapioca into your craw. No dog food for you or stuck in your apartment afraid to go out. Your pension provided some reprieve from poverty.

Not too long after 9/11, we were heroes. As long as we are dying, for the press, politicians, and sadly some citizens, we will be heroes. But when politics takes over and they need a scapegoat for political inefficiency, ineptness, and general malfeasance, then cops and other public sector workers become that target. God forbid if the politicians take any blame. Easy to use that “buffer,” the

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Contract Corner

Joseph Mazzone
Alsip:
Duration: 05/01/12 to 04/30/15. Wage increases: Sergeants and Radio Operators got 2.75%, 2.75%, 2.75%, Patrol Officers got 3.5%, 3.5%, 3.5%

Solidified 12 hr. shift, got personal days for dispatchers included in contract. Confirmed and increased firearms incentive.

Increased usage of OIC where there is a light duty sergeant on duty, but not a full duty sergeant on duty. Codified and protected significant vacation hours.

Redid vacation scheduling, codified the vacation/holiday bank. Codified uniform allowance at $650 per year for patrol, $725 per year for sergeants

Locked in insurance coverage at 15% contribution. Locked in deductibles for duration of contract. Locked in contribution by the Village towards deductable payments

Locked in prescription costs for duration of contract, 15 generic, $50 name brand, no co-pay for mail order on generic and $10 co-pay for mail order on brand name.

Paid attendance for labor/management meetings. Codified arbitration of discipline in excess of 5 day suspensions.

Mt. Prospect Sergeants:
Duration 05/01/12 to 12/31/16.

Modified shift selection to provide for sergeants receiving 1st choice of shift by seniority after 12 years in rank. Me-too with sergeants receiving 1st choice of shift by seniority.

Codified uniform allowance at $650 per year for patrol, $725 per year for sergeants.

Should the State fail to appropriate for negotiated wage increases, the health insurance may not change nor can our members’ share of premiums be increased.

Wages: 0% 2012-13, 2% 2013-14, 2% 2014-15

Chris Potthoff
Grundy County

Four year agreement. New provision for adding an annual shift bid. New provision for adding compensatory time.

Increased emergency family leave opportunities. Changed healthcare premium to a percentage less than other County Employees. Special details to be offered to bargaining unit members first.

Longevity increased up to $20 per hour, per year of employment by the end of contract for patrol deputies. Wages of 2% per year for correctional deputies, 1.5% for patrol deputies.

Lake in the Hills
Three year agreement. Eliminate the Fitness Program and accompanying discipline.

Change to Off-Duty Court Standby time. 2.25% increase per year.

Carpentersville Sergeants

The parties agreed to extend the contract by one year with 2% increases to all steps and an increase in the compensatory time bank to 80 hours annually. All other issues remained status quo.

Ray Garza
Momence

Expires 2015. Comp time accumulation was increased to 96 hours from 76 hours.

Added a personal day to make it 3 personal days. The City implemented a step program for the full timers. 2.5% for 2013 and 2014. In lieu of retro, the full-timers will be getting a lump sum payment which would represent what they would have received in retro in 2012. Uniform Allowance: increased by $100 for F/T ($600 total) and by $50 for P/T ($300 total).

Chapter Elections

Congratulations to all of the officers who have been recently elected to their local boards:

Darien
Mark Bozek
President
Nick Kiewert
Vice President
Brian Bischoff
Secretary
Doug Ramick
Treasurer
Austin Jump
Sgt-at-Arms

Grundy County
Vi Elias
President
Greg Butterfield
Vice President
Jason Cory
Patrol Steward
Kiley Jungles
Corrections Steward
RJ Knezevich
Secretary/Treasurer

ISTA Telecommunicators
Terri Ross
President
Erika Matkowski
Vice president
Jessica Reyna
Steward
Tanya Williams
Steward

North Suburban Dispatch
Rebecca Brink
President
Michelle Home
Vice President
Dawn Kowalczyk
Secretary
Debbie Mette
First Exe
Megan Novak
Second Exe

Steger
Rachel Teneyuca
President
Ryan Burnett
Vice President
Tom Lacheta
Secretary
Harley Lackey
Treasurer

University of Illinois Chicago Police
Zyad Hasan
President
Anthony Robinson
Vice President
Stephanie Kriegermeier
Secretary
Bryan Muhammad
Treasurer
Demetrius Anderson
1st Administrator
Daniel Lubin
2nd Administrator
Matt Paulish
Sgt-at-Arms

Contract Corner

Richard Reimer
Boilingbrook Patrol,
2012-2015 term. Wages: 2.5% per year 2012-15
Suspension or termination language finally agreed to defining process for members to review suspensions or dismissal through the grievance process.

Lake Forest
Paid leave considered hours worked. Language regarding either party seeking to vacate an arbitration award is responsible for all reasonable costs of both parties seeking and defending unless they successfully vacate the award. Members allowed to bid on vacancies
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By: Bob King

Our escape to the Magic Forest, which is our retirement, is no longer a guarantee. If left to the press and politicians, you would go back to the old days of low pay and benefits, but without the free fries or a decent pension.

As the assault on our careers rages on, it’s only you, the unions, and grassroots organizing that can save our careers and maintain the wages, benefits, and retirement that labor has provided us in the last 30 years.

You must be ever so vigilant because the enemy is within. It is sad but it is true. But somehow, someway, the respect that politicians once had for us hopefully will return. But it has to start with you. Stand up for yourself, contact your political reps as I’ve said many times in these pages, and tell them to show you and our profession some respect and leave our pensions alone.

Respect is what we deserve!

The Great Simpsky

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And the puck goes down the ice
The goalie jumps, and the players bump
And the fans all go insane.
Someone roars “the Great Simpsky scores!”

At the good old Hockey game

And an era comes to an end. Thank you all Guns n Hoses players. You gave us all some thrills and MAP was proud to be a part of it.

He actually puts on the skates while I watch a game we both love. At least he can play. I can only talk blarney.

I have known Ken since he was 17 years old. He was a good kid and he is a better man. Loving husband and father. Good cop and thoughtful friend. And remember, Kenny, after the applause there is only more bad check cases in your future!

Editor’s Note: Not everything I wrote about Kenny above was true. He is not 5’2”

Legislative News

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While not great, it offered a choice and did not wreak havoc with the retirees’ pensions, unlike Madigan’s bill. And Madigan is not alone in this last-ditch deed. Many other Democrats and Republicans also joined him.

But he lost the press, who supported Madigan’s garbage, blames and cries and doesn’t want a little thing like “constitutional semantics” to stand in the way of dismantling pension benefits promised by our Illinois constitution and after the members made all their contributions. These people in the press are a joke.

Anyway, neither bill was something to hope but Madigan’s was a pensioner’s nightmare. It’s over for now—maybe. They could be back for a special session or at the Fall Veto conclave. Keep your eyes and ears tuned in. After all, it’s your pension.

Other News

Concealed carry made it—finally. A diminished bill that originally was going to allow each and every municipality to provide their own regulations and ban guns in buses, trains, parks, bars, sporting events, restaurants, malls, and other public areas now allow you to carry a weapon after you pay a $150 application fee, get 16 hours of training, obtain an FOID card and other regulations designed to inhibit you from carrying.

With all the above bans, where could you possibly carry legally? Well, now with the last minute changes, you can carry into restaurants even if alcohol is served and you can travel from one county to another without worrying about gun laws. Oh wait…add casinos and festivals to the banned list, too.

But it’s a start. Someone will sue to lower the restrictions, because I believe the bad guys will still carry firearms to all the banned areas, defeating the whole idea to be able to protect yourself. Governor Quinn was reviewing and had a deadline in July to sign, just as we were going to press. But for now, it’s a start and being able to carry into your favorite “Stop and Rob” is a good thing.

Gay marriage: Legislature says no can do right now.

Casinos: No Chicago casino, probably really pissing off Rahm. No slots at Arlington Racetrack, either. Don’t under—stand Quinn. People wants casinos, slots, and to gamble. Give it to them and take the money and run.

Leash law: Your pooch in the yard must be on a leash (chained) that is at least 10 feet long. I hear ticket books will eventually have a box marked for this infraction, like if you were smoking pot. P-tickets—for pot or pooch, I guess.

High capacity magazine ban: Was defeated.

Medical Weed: Passed the legislature in May. A four-year pilot program. Sick folks can have a small amount if their illness is terminal or debilitative. The State of Illinois will oversee growing, distribution, and the sale of the glorious weed—of course! Those who may want to inhale can be subject to background checks. Governor Quinn has not committed to signing, but is “open minded” about it. Looking forward to seeing how this one is going to pan out.

No investments in firearms: This bill called for the ban of investments for the state pension system in companies that manufacture firearms. It did not pass; it was defeated in the House. Good. Can you spell “r-e-t-a-i-n”?

Boating and DUI: If you’re caught operating a boat while under the influence, you could temporarily lose your driver’s license. I think this is good. Anyone who has ever been on a boat in the chain of lakes on the weekend during the summer will know why.

School speed zones: Starting July 1, 2015, school speed zones will be enforced even if there is no school—if children are within 50 feet of a school zone. Coppers, get your tape measures ready!

Tanning beds: No more tanning beds for young people under 18. Just go outside to get skin cancer.

70 mph: On some expressways. Senate passed it, pending at press time. All I can say is whoooooo!

Drones: Not the killing kind, my friends. Can be used for missing persons, crimes scenes, or traffic crash photos. Cannot be used to surveil any officer believed to be out of his beat.

Oh, one more—to go along with the poohs, there is a new Pooch Lemon Law. If the dog you buy gets sick or croaks within 21 days, you get your money back. 2013 — the Year of the Poohs.

I’m sure they did other stuff, but you’ll have to look it up by your lonesome.
He demonstrated that the now chief (and you would think that once she made chief she would have known better. Y’all know that once a person gets named chief that they suddenly become smarter than they were before? That’s true, isn’t it? It’s not? Well, I’ll be…) was part of the Crestwood inner circle.

“She told lie after lie, month after month, year after year” said the prosecutor, as Neubauer tracked the use of the well for nearly 30 years.

Yep, as always, it’s someone else’s fault—they sucked her in. The water operator in his plea agreement is facing 27 months in the clink and a $250,000 fine.

The chief? Five years in the pokey on each count. Oh, that’s some time for sure. But maybe instead of jail, they should be subjected to drinking this tainted water they lied about for so long for the rest of their lives.

‘Chips, anyone?’ as they wash them down with a glass of vinyl chloride infected water!

**Chief’s Follies**

**Bits n Pieces**

**Petitions Filed**

Grundy County Civilians—election pending
Cook County Department of Corrections—election pending

**MAP Wins!**

- Majority petition for the Northern Illinois Sergeants 13-0
- Harvey Patrol: MAP Wins election 28-1 over ICOPS (about 48 police officers total)

**Thoughts and Prayers**

Our deepest condolences to the family of Michael Georgiev from Northeastern Illinois University, who died suddenly. Also, Sergeant Pat Freeman of Bolingbrook PD, who passed away in late July.

Long time Bolingbrook Telecommunicator Sharon Harvey, retired for many years (one of my favorite ladies in our time at the Barn) passed away from complications after surgery. Our condolences to Sharon’s family. May God bless all of them and their families.

**MAP Seminar**

Thanks for the great response to the MAP seminar! It has been filled, and we are considering another in spring 2014.

**Website and Facebook**

Don’t forget to check our website and Facebook for news and the President’s Opinion column.
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